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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, IN SENATE,
OCTOBER 22, 2013

AN ACT

1 Requiring the notification of breast density to patients who
2 receive a mammogram.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Breast
7 Density Notification Act.

8 Section 2. Breast density notification and information
9 provided.

10 (a) Inclusion of density information.--Each mammography
11 report and any other written communication concerning the
12 mammography report provided to a patient by a mammography
13 facility certified by the United States Food and Drug
14 Administration shall include the patient's breast density
15 information based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data

1 System established by the American College of Radiology.

2 (b) Notice.--The report and any other written communication
3 concerning the mammography report provided to a patient shall
4 also include the following notice:

5 This notice contains the results of your recent mammogram,
6 including information about breast density. If your mammogram
7 shows that your breast tissue is dense, you should know that
8 dense breast tissue is a common finding and is not abnormal.
9 Statistics show ~~as many as 70% of~~ MANY women could have dense <--
10 or highly dense breasts. Dense breast tissue can make it
11 harder to find cancer on a mammogram and may be associated
12 with an increased risk of cancer. This information about the
13 result of your mammogram is given to you to raise your
14 awareness and to inform your conversations with your
15 physician. Together, you can decide which screening options
16 are right for you, based on your mammogram results,
17 individual risk factors or physical examination. A report of
18 your results was sent to your physician.

19 Section 3. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 90 days.